

MS Summer Reading List

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Avi, 1937- - "Who was that masked man, anyway?"

In the early forties when nearly everyone else is thinking about World War II, sixth-grader Frankie Wattleson gets in trouble at home and at school because of his preoccupation with his favorite radio programs.

Duffey, Betsy. - Fur-ever yours, Booker Jones

Twelve-year-old Booker Jones turns to his writing once again to deal with the stress of his seemingly insensitive parents' decision to vacation together, leaving family and laundry behind.

Hamilton, Virginia. - Plain City

Twelve-year-old Buhlaire, a "mixed" child who feels out of place in her community, struggles to unearth her past and her family history as she gradually discovers more and more about her long-missing father.

Hamilton, Virginia. - Second cousins

The friendship of twelve-year-old cousins Cammy and Elodie is threatened when the family reunion includes two other cousins near their age and Elodie is tempted to drop Cammy for a new companion.

Hamilton, Virginia. - Bluish : a novel

Ten-year-old Dreenie feels both intrigued and frightened when she thinks about the girl nicknamed Bluish, whose leukemia is making her pale and causing her to use a wheelchair. Lexile: 460

Hoeye, Michael. - The sands of time : a new Hermux Tantamoq adventure

Despite fierce opposition from mouse supremacists and other residents of Pinchester, three mice team up with an old chipmunk to prove that there existed, long before the time of mice, a Cat Kingdom.

Levine, Gail Carson. - The wish

When granted her wish to be the most popular girl in school, Wilma, an eighth grader, forgets that she will graduate in three weeks and her popularity will vanish.

Levine, Gail Carson. - The princess test

In this humorous retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Princess and the Pea," Lorelei must pass many difficult tests in order to prove that she is a true princess and win the hand of Prince Nicholas.

MacPhail, Catherine. - Dark waters

Col McCann becomes a local hero when he saves a boy from drowning but when his older brother is suspected of a serious crime, Col must decide if he should be loyal to his family or tell the truth about what he saw while under the water.

Montes, Marisa. - A crazy mixed-up Spanglish day

In Northern California, Maritza Gabriela Morales Mercado struggles to deal with the third grade bully, to control her temper, and to remember to speak Spanish at home and English at school.

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Peters, Julie Anne. - Define "normal" : a novel

When she agrees to meet with Jasmine as a peer counselor at their middle school, Antonia never dreams that this girl with the black lipstick and pierced eyebrow will end up helping her deal with the serious problems she faces at home and become a good friend.

Petersen, P. J. - Rising water

Tracy, her brother, and the new animal care volunteer at the Jefferson Science Center travel by boat to feed a dog stranded by flooding, and end up having a full day of dangerous adventures, which give them new perspectives about themselves and about each other.

Reiss, Johanna. - The upstairs room

A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II.

Sachar, Louis. - Wayside School is falling down

More humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, where students learn to tango, face the cafeteria's dreaded Mushroom Surprise, and study a hobo during Show and Tell.

Stine, R. L. - Goosebumps

A series of mysteries with a scary twist.

Stine, R. L. - Nightmare Hour

A collection of ten short horror stories featuring a Halloween visit to a strange pumpkin patch, a girl who wants the power and respect that comes with being a witch, and a mask that lets the wearer see into another time.

The night has ears: African proverbs

A collection of twenty-six proverbs, some serious and some humorous, from a variety of African tribes.